

# WEEKLY DIGEST

## THE UNOFFICIAL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE MARYLAND WING CIVIL AIR PATROL UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AUXILIARY

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Col Ralph Vogt receive "the eagle" from Col Lawrence Trick and Lt Col James Steinmeier.

### The Millennium Conference

The Honor Guard marched, Maryland Wing Music played, the flags waved, the speeches went on (and on...), the workshops informed, the exhibits amazed, the members ate, and the command changed. This year's Millennium Conference in Ocean City, Maryland had it all.

Friday started out with travel, checking into the hotel, and meeting in the Hospitality Suite to discuss the missing aircraft mission currently underway.

Saturday morning Maj John Kilgallon presided over the General Session. The Maryland Wing Color Guard from the Arundel Composite Squadron posted the colors. We heard from Brig Gen James Bobick, CAP National Commander, about the historic USAF-CAP agreement and the restructuring of the CAP. Col Gene Hartman, MER Commander, made a surprise visit to the conference. Promotion ceremonies for Lt Col Clark Cloukey and Maj Cindy Shock preceded the announcement of Grover Loening awards, Paul E. Garber awards, Meritorious Service awards, Commander's Commendations, and Awards for Cadet Orientation flying. Congratulations to all the award winners!

Paul E. Garber Award: Johnnette C. Mayhew, Andrew B. Felix

Grover Loening Award: Robert W. Turner, Cindy A. Shock, Johannes J. Schmitz, Jon Royer, Margaret Hills  
Meritorious Service Award: Robert Ayres, George Carroll, Phyllis A. Griffin, John Kilgallon, Alison M. Malachowski, Elmer E. Mooring, Susan Morrison, Clifford Parks, James H. Steinmeier, Lawrence Trick, Kathryn J. Walling

Commander's Commendation: Haley Blevins, James Buchanan, Elizabeth Burnham, Brian Coats, Bruce Drury, William Duke, Roberta Fries, Patricia Gaylin, Charles Gibson, David Goodman, Dan Goulet, Chaplain William Gray, Clyde Grimes, Timothy Hahn, Benjamin Hall, Terrelle Hall, Patrick Hallihan, Tammy Hallihan, John Henderson, Pere Jarboe, Vaclav Konecny, Ronald W. Long, Brian MacMillan, Brandy Malachowski, Johnnetta Mayhew, Kathleen McLellan, Thomas McLellan, Varghese A. Parnel, Kevin Pelletier, Meredith M. Phares, Christian Ready, Kevin Redman, John R. Reutemann, Jon Royer, Elizabeth Secrest, Frederic Smalkin, James Spore, William Stull, James C. Tice, Alfred Traylor, Lee R. Wall, John Weaver, Kenneth



Members of the Maryland Wing Honor Guard hold the wreath during the Veteran's Day Memorial ceremonies.

### Welk, Charles J. Wille

Orientation Flying: Andrew Chrusciel, Thomas E. Zink

After the general session, participants adjourned to the first of the workshops. At 1100, everyone met at the rear of the Ocean City Convention Center for a veteran's Day Memorial Service. Everyone braved the high winds to watch the Maryland Wing Honor Guard, the Maryland Wing Color Guard, and a contingent from Maryland Wing Music performed admirably. Col Vogt and Brig Gen Bobick placed a wreath in honor of all of America's veterans. C/Maj John Reutemann read a poem reminding us of the debt we owe to those who offered themselves so that we all might live in a free nation. The day continued with lunch (We seated over 200!) and more workshops.

1Lt Dan Delaney served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Awards Banquet and Change of Command. The evening started with a reception and entertainment by Maryland Wing Music. Maryland Wing Music continued to entertain throughout dinner. The Maryland Wing Honor Guard with the assistance of Col Ron Quander, MER Vice-Commander performed ceremonies in honor of POW-MIA and deceased Civil Air Patrol members. After dinner, Capt Susan Morrison announced the winners of the model building contest. This year there was a tough competition with many fine entries. (If you have not had a chance to see the Glenn L. Martin Composite Squadron's diorama called "The Find" then make time.) The banquet continued with the presentation of Lifesaving Awards to Sander B. Cohen, Michael Crockett, Bruce Drury, John M. Knowles, Natasha Lewandrowski, and Suzanne Shoemaker for their efforts in saving the life of an Alzheimer's patient who had wandered away from a nursing home. Nick Kubin and Andrew Kelly were honored as Cadet NCOs of the Year. Lt Col Phyllis Griffin explained that having co-winners was a first for the Maryland Wing. This was followed by another first when Kathleen McLellan was named as the Cadet Junior Officer of the Year for a second year in a row. The Maryland Wing Cadet of the Year who will represent Maryland at the region level is Chad Rivera. Betsy Secrest was honored as the Senior Member of the Year and Bethesda-Chevy Chase as the Squadron of the Year.

The Change of Command started with presentations honoring Col Ralph Vogt for his years of service as Maryland Wing Commander. The Change of Command was presided over by Col Ron Quander. After the ceremony, Col Vogt was presented with the CAP Distinguished Service Medal. To symbolize the change, Col Vogt and Col Trick cut a cake and dessert was served.

Sunday morning started bright and early with formation and a flag raising ceremony. Members of the Color Guard saved the day when the lanyard on the flagpole separated as they were raising the United States flag.



A flying dive kept the flag from touching the ground and flying away. Sunday morning continued with more workshops and Col Lawrence Trick's first Commanders Call. Lt Col James Steinmeier and Maj John Kilgallon officially began their duties as Vice-Commander and Chief of Staff. By noon everyone was packed up and headed home - and talking about what to do "next year."

Photographs: Maj Germaine D. Harlow, Annapolis Composite Sq.

Brig Gen James Bobick congratulates Col Ralph Vogt for a job well done as the Maryland Wing Commander.



Ninety-eight members of the Maryland Wing contributed 248 flight hours in 129 sorties searching for the wreckage of the Piper PA 28 that was found several hundred feet from the summit of Bull Mountain. (Photo by Capt. Fletcher Earles, commander of Group 1 Civil Air Patrol)

E-MAIL TRAFFIC

1.FROM: Trick, Larry L [TrickLL@navair.navy.mil]  
DATE: Mon 11/20/2000 01:41 PM  
SUBJECT: AFRCC MISSION 00M2433 - MISSING AIRCRAFT  
The 10-19 November missing aircraft search spanned from Maryland to South Carolina with a major portion of the route in Virginia. The following report does not include the activity of North Carolina Wing and South Carolina Wing in their portion of the search area, but they were equally busy. North Carolina Wing also flew some search sorties over southern Virginia prior to opening of a Virginia Wing mission base at Martinsville, but we do not have their statistics at this time. We have requested data from North Carolina Wing and South Carolina Wing and hope to distribute a mission "grand total" report later.

The search in Virginia included contributions from Virginia Wing, Maryland Wing, National Capital Wing, West Virginia Wing and Congressional Squadron. Overall statistics for these units for the mission are as follows (fractions are eliminated).  
Total CAP man-days: 467  
Total CAP aircraft-days: 124  
Total CAP aircraft sorties: 307  
Total CAP aircraft flight hours: 635  
Total CAP aircraft search hours: 275  
Total CAP aircraft transit hours: 360  
Individual wing contributions are tabulated below.

State	Flight Hours	People	A/C	Sorties
Virginia	235	252	49	114
Maryland	248	98	40	129
National Capital	70	75	19	28
West Virginia	39	25	9	14
Congressional	43	17	7	22

Aircrews from as far away as Clarksburg, WV participated in this search. The large search area and distances traveled to get to the mission bases and to search grids generated the large amount of transit hours compared to search hours for the mission. The sorties and flight hours are attributed to the wing that provided the aircraft, but in many cases the aircrew was a mix of personnel from several wings. The outstanding teamwork of personnel from four wings and Congressional Squadron permitted CAP to conduct a thorough and professional search that culminated in finding the search objective Saturday afternoon on Bull Mountain in Patrick County in southern Virginia just west of Martinsville. Virginia Wing extends its gratitude to all who supported us in this search. To all those wings that came to help when Virginia Wing called, we owe you a big one. Let us know when we can help you. We will be there.

Warren Vest, Lt Col, CAP, Director of Operations, Virginia Wing  
2.FROM: Christian Ready [chrisready@home.com]  
DATE: Mon 11/20/2000 03:06 PM  
SUBJECT: Weekly Digest online  
A new Weekly Digest has been added to the mdwg web site under the "communications" section. You'll find it at <http://mdwg.cap.gov>.  
3.FROM: John Henderson, Capt, CAP, MDWG/DOO [JHender698@aol.com]  
DATE: Mon 11/20/2000 10:32 PM  
SUBJECT: Aircraft Readiness

1. To all aircrews and Squadron Operations Staff who supported the Virginia Mission: I was there for the majority of the week and was very impressed to see the outpouring of support from our Mission Qualified persons. You all put in many hours with little sleep and you are to be commended.  
2. I must remind you all though, please check your aircraft maintenance logs and be sure you are up to date on 50/100 hour maintenance. We have sent 4 aircraft to have these services done in the last few days. Any problems or questions, feel free to contact me. Again, good job.  
4.FROM: Phyllis Griffin [PGriffin2@hcfa.gov]  
DATE: Tue 11/21/2000 11:26 AM  
SUBJECT: Leftover Headset

When the Manassas mission base was closed, a leftover headset was found. Anyone leaving a Concept Industries, Inc., Model C-40 SoftComm

headset at the base should contact me by e-mail at [wvest@cox.rr.com](mailto:wvest@cox.rr.com) or at 703-476-4303

5.FROM: Kay Joslin Walling, Capt, CAP, MDWG/ Public Affairs (PA) [kjlw@dmv.com]  
DATE: Wed 11/22/2000 10:35 AM  
SUBJECT: FW: [PAO] recent search

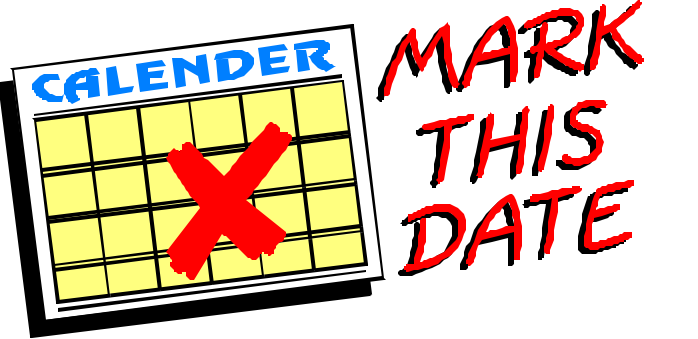
Here is a new report about the recent missing aircraft mission. Interesting coverage on the Stuart, VA missing aircraft find.  
<http://www.theenterprise.net/story1.html>

6.FROM: Bob Wiseman [capt1295@home.com]  
DATE: Wed 11/22/2000 12:45 PM  
SUBJECT: ES Weekend Alzheimer's SAR Class  
The ES Weekend Alzheimer's SAR class for GTL's and above (GSC's, GOD's, MC's) is scheduled to be on Sunday, 12/3, at 1300 hours. It will cover understanding of Alzheimer's, Lost Person Behavior, and search strategy/tactics. In order to ensure I bring adequate resources, those planning to attend are requested to email me ASAP. A head count prior to the class date is most helpful to instructors, and I thank you in advance for your assistance. Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

7.FROM: Bob Wiseman [capt1295@home.com]  
DATE: Wed 11/22/2000 12:51 PM  
SUBJECT: SAR Tech II & III Exams  
Just a reminder that the NASAR SAR Tech II and III exams in Howard County, Maryland, will be held the weekend of Dec. 8-10. The written exams will be on Friday evening with the practical portion (SAR Tech II only) on Saturday (and Sunday if needed). Please RSVP ASAP if you are planning on attending so we can get a head count in advance of the exam. Please pass this information on to members of your team and other teams that may be interested.

8.FROM: Andrew B Felix [afelix@juno.com]  
DATE: Fri 11/24/2000 08:08 AM  
SUBJECT: New Instrument Rating  
I am pleased to announce that Prince George's Composite Squadron has a new instrument rated pilot. Lt. David Russell recently passed his instrument check ride and is now working on his Commercial pilot rating. David is USAF active duty. SSgt. stationed at Bolling AFB.

9.FROM: Mark Erickson [FlyErick@erols.com]  
DATE: Sat 11/25/2000 02:23 PM  
SUBJECT: Fwd: from Michael Merek  
It has come to my attention that AOL 6.0, recently released by AOL, sends all e-mail as HTML, with no option to turn off html, and use plain text. The majordomo server on lists.cap.gov rejects html messages, on the theory that html is unnecessary for a text based discussion and increases bandwidth requirements. This is not a configuration I have control over, but rather is set as a server-wide default, also affecting the other CAP-\* discussion lists. If you use AOL 6.0, you will not be able to post to any of the lists. If you feel that you must use AOL 6.0, you may be able to use a web-based alternative e-mail account such as Yahoo, Hotmail or JUNO, which send in plain text mode, for your mailing list subscriptions. If you do this, however, also please note that messages must be from addresses that are subscribed to the list. You cannot be subscribed at one address and send from another. When such a message is received by the server, it is bounced to me and as I have time I try to manually send a notification back to the sender. Note that doing this is quite a pain, and if we all of a sudden get a tidalwave of such "not subscribed" messages due to the AOL problem, I will not guarantee a manual notification for every one of them.



UPCOMING EVENTS:  
Tuesday, 28 November 2000: General ES Course, 1900-2100 at Wing HQ, contact 2ndLt Doug Barth  
Saturday, 2 December 2000 and Sunday, 3 December 2000: ES Weekend, Heights School (10400 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, MD), contact Maj Vas Konecny  
Saturday, 9 December 2000: National Check Pilot Standardization Course, Hagerstown Squadron, contact Capt Elmer Mooring  
Monday, 18 December 2000: Group Commanders Meeting, Wing HQ, contact Maj Jon Royer  
Monday, 18 December 2000: PAO Third Monday Seminar, Wing HQ, contact Capt Kay Joslin Walling  
Monday, 25 December 2000: Wing Headquarters closed, contact Lt Col James Steinmeier

If you have stories and/or pictures that you would like in the Weekly Digest, please e-mail them to [kjlw@dmv.com](mailto:kjlw@dmv.com). Stories should be sent in the body of the e-mail and pictures should be sent in .jpg or .tif format.